

REMARKS

Claims 4, 10-16, and 18 have been cancelled herein. Such cancellation is without prejudice to further prosecution of these claims in one or more continuing applications.

Claim 9 has been amended herein to recite that the claimed kit contains, *inter-alia*, whole *Acinetobacter* cells.

Claims 1-3, 5-9, and 17 remain in the application. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

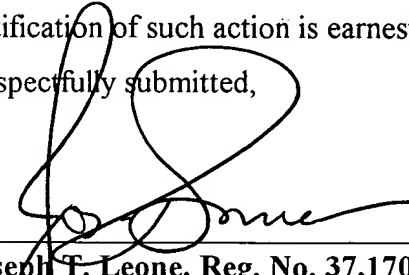
The Examiner's indication that Claims 1-3, 5-8, and 17 are free of the prior art is acknowledged and appreciated. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims contained herein comport with the subject matter previously indicated as being free of the prior art. These changes were not entered earlier pending the Examiner's consideration of the Rule 132 Declaration previously submitted. Applicant thus requests that this Amendment After Final be entered because it places the application in condition for allowance.

As to the rejection of Claims 4, 9-16, and 18 under §112, first paragraph, this rejection is submitted as having been rendered moot by cancellation or appropriate amendment to the claims. Claims 4, 10-16, and 18 have been cancelled. Claim 9 has been amended to remove the recitation of peptide antigens. Applicant therefore submits that this rejection has been obviated. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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